




B E R M U D A.

An ACT for the better Recovery of DEBTS
due on Promissory Notes, and the Assign-
ment of Bonds, Obligations, and Notes.



HEREAS the making Promissory Notes negotiable, and the allowing of Bonds, Bills and other Obligations to be assignable, has been found to have a tendency to benefit, and advantage the Commercial Transactions of this Country, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that all Notes in Writing that from and after the first day of *June* next, shall be made and signed by any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, or by the Servant of any Merchant or Trader who is actually entrusted by him or them to sign such Promissory Notes for him, her or them, whereby such Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, his, her or their Servant or Agent as aforesaid, doth or shall promise to pay to any other Person or Persons, Body Politic, or Corporate, his, her or their Order, or unto the Bearer of such Note, any Sum of Money, mentioned in such Note, shall be taken and construed to be by virtue thereof due and payable to such Person or
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Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to whom the same is made payable; and also every such Note payable to any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, his, her or their Order, shall be assignable or indorsable over; and that the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to whom such Sum of Money is or shall be by such Note made payable, shall, and may maintain an Action for the same, in such manner as is by Law directed for the recovery of Debts in these Islands, against the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, who, or whose Servant or Agent as aforesaid signed the same; and that any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to whom such Note that is payable to any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, his, her or their Order is indorsed or assigned, or the Money therein mentioned, ordered to be paid by indorsement thereon, shall and may maintain his, her or their Action for such Sum of Money, either against the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, who, or whose Servant or Agent as aforesaid, signed such Note, or against any of the Persons that indorsed the same: And in every such Action the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover his, her or their Damages and Costs of Suit; and in case such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or a Verdict given against him, her or them, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover his, her or their Costs against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; and every such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, so respectively recovering, may sue out Execution for such Damages and Costs by Capias ad satisfaciendum or fieri facias.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the said first day of *June* next, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to assign, indorse and transfer any Bond, Bill or other Obligation, by which the payment of any Monies shall be secured to such Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to any other Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate whatever. And that the Assignor or Assignees, Indorsee or Indorsees of such Bond, Bill or other Obligation, his and their Executors, Administrators and Successors, by virtue of such Assignment or Indorsement, shall and may have lawful power to commence and prosecute any Suit at Law in his, her or their own Name or Names, for the recovery of any Debt due by such Bond, Bill or other Obligation, as the first Obligor or his Executors or Administrators, might or could lawfully do. Provided always, that in any Suit upon any Promissory Note, Bond

Bill or other Obligation so made, assigned, indorsed or transferred, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall allow a Discount of all Demands which the Defendant or Defendants can prove either against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, himself, herself or themselves, or against the first Obligee, before Notice of such Assignment was given to the Defendant or Defendants.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act continue in force until the first Day of *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and then to determine and expire.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this third Day of *May* 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 4th Day of *May* 1786.

THOMAS HUNT, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of *May* 1786.

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BERMUDA.

An ACT to prevent Damages from the straying of CATTLE, and for the ERECTION of POUNDS in these ISLANDS.



HEREAS the Owners and Possessors of Lands in these Islands are from Time to Time considerably hurt and prejudiced by the straying of loose Cattle, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, That the several Parishes in these Islands be, and they are hereby declared to be, respectively obliged annually to choose one or more Pound-Keepers, who shall be authorised and required to receive and impound in proper Pounds, to be erected in such manner and at such Place or Places as shall by such Parishes be fixed and agreed upon, all such Cattle as shall be found straying or doing Damage; and that prior to the delivery of such Cattle to the Owners thereof they be necessitated to pay to the Pound-Keeper holding the same the following Sums of current Money, to wit, for every Horse Two Shillings and Eight-pence; for each and every Ox, Bull, Cow, or Yearling, the Sum of Two Shillings; for every Goat, Sheep, or Calf, One Shilling and Four-pence; and for every Hog Two Shillings and Eight-Pence, to be by such Pound-Keeper at the expiration of each Year accounted for and

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paid into the Hands of the Churchwardens, and applied to the defraying the Charges of the said Parishes respectively, first deducting thereout one fourth Part of such Monies as a Compensation to the Pound-Keeper for his Trouble in the receipt and payment thereof.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Pound-Keeper shall be informed that the Cattle so impounded have done Damage, such Pound-Keeper shall be obliged to detain the said Cattle until such Damage shall be ascertained and fully satisfied, or otherwise be obliged himself to pay such Damage, with incidental Charges; and that on the application of any Person to a Justice of the Peace of the Parish where any Cattle have been impounded, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice, and such Justice is hereby required to issue his Warrant to two or more Freeholders of such Parish, empowering them to survey and compute the Quantum of Damage so sustained; and that the same, with the incidental Charges, be paid and defrayed by the Owner prior to the delivery of the said Cattle.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Cattle impounded by virtue of this Act shall not be redeemed within Eight Days thereafter, it shall be lawful for the Pound-Keeper to sell and dispose of the same at public Outcry, (Five Days previous Notice of the Time and Place of such Sale being publicly given) and after defraying the Damages, Poundage, and other incidental Charges, to pay the Ballance of such Sales to the Owner of such Cattle so as aforesaid sold.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person whose Land may be trespassed upon by loose or stray Cattle, to take up and carry, or direct his or her Servant or Slave to take up and carry, such Cattle so doing damage to the Pound of the Parish where the Damage shall be done; and for this purpose, in case of flight, to pursue such Cattle over the Land of any Person or Persons whomsoever. And that any Person rescuing, or attempting to rescue, any Cattle so taken and about to be carried to the Pound, shall, upon Conviction, pay Twenty Shillings current Money to the Party injured, to be recovered, with Costs, before any Justice of the Peace of these Islands; but if such Offence be committed by a Slave, he or she shall receive so many Lashes, not exceeding Thirty-nine in number,

ber, as the Justice of the Peace taking cognizance thereof shall order and direct, unless the Owner of such Slave will pay to the Party injured the Forfeiture last mentioned.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Person shall be found guilty, before any Justice of the Peace in these Islands, of cutting the Rope by which any Horse, or other Cattle, belonging to any other Person, shall be tied, with a view to let such Horse or other Cattle go astray, such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty-nine Shillings current Money to the Party injured, with all other Damages and Expences attendant thereon, to be recovered, with Costs, by Warrant of the the said Justice of the Peace. And in case such Offender be a Slave, he or she shall be whipped at the discretion of the Justice of the Peace, not exceeding Thirty-nine Lashes.

AND whereas considerable Damage may be done with impunity by Goats, Sheep, Hogs, and Poultry, if no Redress can be had for Trespasses by them committed but by impounding, it being very difficult, if not impossible, many times, to take either of them, and more so to confine the latter to a Pound. In order, therefore, to remedy this Inconvenience, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Hogs, Sheep, or Goats, or any Turkeys, Geese, or Poultry, shall be permitted or suffered to run at large and do Damage, and after warning given to the Owner or Possessor to take the same up, he or she shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Requisition or Warning, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Party injured or aggrieved to kill, or cause to be killed, such Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, and deliver the same to the Owners thereof, on the application of such Owners, and their making such Satisfaction for the Damage sustained as two indifferent Persons, to be appointed by any Magistrate, shall adjudge to be reasonable; and also that Notice shall be given by the Person who shall kill, or cause to be killed, such Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, within two Hours after the killing of the same, under the Penalty of forfeiting such Damages as two indifferent Men, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall award and adjudge. And that in case after such Notice given or left at the Dwelling House of such Owner, he or she do not come or send in a reasonable Time for such Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, and take the same away, it shall and may be lawful for any Magistrate to cause the said Sheep, Goats, Hogs, and Poultry to be valued by two Persons

Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, and then sold by a Constable; and the Proceeds of such Sale (the Charges of the Prosecution and Sale, and the Damage done by such Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, being first deducted) to be paid to such Owner or Owners. Always provided, that any Warning given to the Owner or Owners of any Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, of such Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, being permitted or suffered to run at large and do Damage, shall be deemed and considered as valid for and during the course of Two Calendar Months next succeeding the Time of such Notice.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 4th Day of May, 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 4th Day of May, 1786.

THOMAS HUNT, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of May, 1786.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

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an ACT the better to render the Fund established by an Act, intituled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands," equal to the discharge of the several Sums payable therefrom, and for certain other Purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the Fund, established by an Act, intituled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands," continues yet unequal to the payment of the several Sums of Money chargeable thereon;—in order, therefore, the more effectually to provide for the deficiency of that Fund, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and al. Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of July next, until the first Day of July, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty-seven, there be a Duty of Six-pence on each and every Gallon of Rum which shall be retailed, vended, sold or expended in these Islands, and that the same be payable Quarterly, that is to

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say, on the first Day of *October* next, and the first Days of *January*, *April*, and *July*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, to the Collectors of the several Parishes herein after appointed, and in case of refusal or delay, that the said Collectors be, and they are hereby declared to be severally authorised and empowered to levy the same by distress and sale of the Refusers or Delayers Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, retaining to themselves from the Proceeds of every Sale the usual and accustomed Poundage, or a Sum equal to the amount of the Duties levied for, at their option, as a Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

AND for the more effectual collecting the said Duty, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every Person holding Rum on the said first Day of *July* next, exceeding five Gallons, shall, within forty-eight Hours thereafter give, and upon Oath, if required, to the Collector for the Parish where such Rum shall be, a just and true Account of all such Rum as such Person shall then have been in possession of from and after the said first Day of *July* next; and that each and every Person or Persons who shall, from Time to Time, after the said first Day of *July* next, during the continuance of this Act, be possessed of any Rum by importation, shall, in like manner, render unto the Collector for the Parish where such Rum shall be landed or received, a just and true Account of the number of Gallons, and of the Denomination of each Vessel containing the same.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Collector shall suspect, or be informed that Rum is in any particular House or Place, which hath not been reported as by this Act is directed, he shall have power to take to his assistance such Persons as may be necessary to the occasion, and require such House or Place to be opened; and in case of refusal, to open or cause the same to be opened by force, provided it be in the Day; and that all unreported Rum which shall be found by any Collector be forfeited, and within ten Days after seizure, sold at public Outcry, the one Half of the Proceeds of which Sale shall be to the said Collector and Informer, if any, and the other Half to the same uses as the Duties imposed by this Act; and that any Person summoned or required to aid and assist as above-mentioned, and refusing so to do, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds current Money, to be recovered by the Collector to whom such refusal shall be made.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Collector shall trace any Rum to the possession of any Person who shall not have reported the same, agreeable to the Prescription of this Act, and who shall neglect or refuse either to produce the same, pay the Excise therefor, or point out the manner wherein the same has been disposed of, so as that the Excise may be collected therefor, then, and in every such Case, such Collector shall be authorized and empowered to levy for the Excise on all such Rum, on the Refusers and Delayers Goods and Chattels, Lands, and Tenements, in the manner herein before prescribed.

AND in order that the Collectors aforesaid may be enabled to proceed with greater certainty in the Execution of the Duties required of them by this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Public Treasurer shall, in the Bermuda Gazette, subsequent to each Report, cause to be inserted under his Signature as Public Treasurer, a List of the several Quantities of Rum imported and exported during the continuance of this Act, with the Names of the Vessel, the Master and Person importing and exporting the same; and that every Importer be deemed and considered liable to the Duty hereby imposed on Rum, such Quantities only excepted as shall be by him re-shipped or sold in the Cask or Vessel as imported, and then, and in such Case only, on Condition that he shall within forty-eight Hours after the Transaction, give Notice thereof in writing to the Collector of the Parish to whom such Rum shall have been Reported, and that in case of Deception or Misinformation in such Notice, the said Importer be subject and liable to pay to the said Collector double Duty for all Rum of the sale or re-shipment of which he shall have given undue and irregular Notice.—And also, that any Collector receiving Information of Rum, from the Importer thereof, or otherwise, having been sold to a Person residing in a different Parish, shall, without delay, notify the same in writing to the Collector of the Parish where such Purchaser shall reside, and that he be allowed a reasonable Charge against the Public therefor: provided always, that if any Duties hereby imposed on Rum be lost or not collected through the Neglect or delay of any Collector whatever, the Collector so neglecting or delaying shall be subject and liable to the payment of such Duties in the same manner as if the same had been actually collected and received by him; and that each Collector do make an abatement of fifteen Gallons in every hundred Gallons, to be computed from the original Gauge of the Cask or Vessel containing Rum sold and expended within these Islands, as an allowance for waste, and that no other

other Allowance be made, except in case of extraordinary Accident, to be proved by Oath to the satisfaction of the Collector of the Parish where such Accident shall have happened.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that for each Horse, Mare or Gelding, which on the first Day of September next, shall be owned or possessed by any Inhabitant of these Islands, there be in like manner paid the Sum of Six Shillings and Eightpence current Money; and that in default of payment thereof, twenty Days previous Notice being given by Advertisement in the Bermuda Gazette, the Collectors of the said Tax on Horses be authorized and empowered, and they are hereby declared respectively to be fully authorized and empowered to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of such Owners and Possessors neglecting to pay as aforesaid; and that the Collectors be severally authorized and empowered to retain to themselves from the proceeds of every Sale the Sum of Five Shillings current Money, or a Sum equal to the amount of the Taxes levied for, at their option, as a Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Master or Commander of any Vessel importing Horses, Mares, or Geldings, during the continuance of this Act, shall, immediately on his arrival in these Islands, make, and on Oath, if required, a just and true Report of the Number of such Horses, Mares and Geldings, so by him imported, to the Public Treasurer, and on the sale or other disposal thereof, pay unto the said Treasurer the Sum of Forty Shillings current Money, for each and every of the said Horses, Mares or Geldings.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the following Persons be, and they are hereby appointed Collectors of the Excise on Rum, Tax on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Tax on Free Negroes, Mulattoes and Mustees, by this Act imposed, that is to say:

For *St. George's Parish*, Mr. JOHN FISHER.

For *Hamilton Parish*, Mr. ROBERT OUTERBRIDGE.

For *Smith's Parish*, Captain WILLIAM DAVIS.

For *Devonshire Parish*, Mr. BENJAMIN COX, Senior.

For *Pembroke Parish*, Mr. JOHN EDMUND STILES.

For *Paget's Parish*, Captain JOHN STOWE.

For *Warwick Parish*, Mr. DANIEL GILBERT.

For Southampton Parish Captain FRANCIS DICKINSON.

For Sandy's Parish Mr. JAMES BURROWS.

AND that the Public Treasurer shall, in the BERMUDA GAZETTE, subsequent to the publication of this Act, notify the Collectors aforesaid of their respective Appointments, and that such Collectors shall, within ten Days thereafter severally offer and tender themselves to some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for taking an Oath of Office, which each and every Justice of the Peace so called upon, is hereby authorized and declared to be obliged to administer, in the Words following, to wit.

" I A. B. being appointed by an Act, intituled " An Act the better to render the Fund established by an Act, intituled " An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands, equal to the discharge of the several Sums payable therefrom, and for certain other Purposes therein mentioned," Collector of the Duty on all Rum that shall or may be retailed, vended, sold, or expended during the continuance of the said Act within _____ Parish, in these Islands; and also a Tax on every Horse, Mare or Gelding belonging to or possessed by the Inhabitants of the said Parish; and on every Free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee, residing within the said Parish, do solemnly swear that I will, to the utmost of my Power and Ability, faithfully and impartially discharge the Trust reposed in me by the said Act.—So Help me God."

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Collectors shall receive at and after the rate of ten Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which they shall pay to the Public Treasurer arising from the Duty on Rum by them collected; and at and after the rate of five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which they shall in like manner pay from the Taxes hereby imposed on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Free Negroes, Mulattos and Mustees; and that the said Collectors shall Quarterly, that is to say, within ten Days after the said first Day of October next and the first Days of January, April, and July, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, or at the expiration of their respective Offices, if sooner ended, pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by them received for the Duty on Rum imposed by this Act, the Commission herein before allowed first deducted, and within ten Days after the expiration of their respective Offices, render unto the said Treasurer, and, upon Oath, if required, a just and true Account of the

the Monies so received, and from whom; in which Account, in order the better to detect any Error or Omission in the collection of the said Duty on Rum, the Entries shall be so worded as to shew whether the said Collectors have properly or not availed themselves of the Notices directed to them in consequence of this Act, and otherwise complied with the Requisites thereof; and that the said Collectors shall severally, on or before the first Day of *December* next, in like manner pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by them received from the Taxes hereby imposed on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Free Negroes, Mulattos and Mustees, the Commission herein allowed first deducted, rendering at the Time, and upon Oath, if required, a just and true Account of the Monies so received, and from whom; all which Accounts, as well respecting the Duty hereby imposed on Rum, as the Taxes on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Free Negroes, Mulattos and Mustees, shall be deposited and reserved in the Treasurer's Office for the inspection of the Legislature. And in case any such Collector shall refuse or neglect to tender himself for qualification in the manner herein before directed, and after qualification fully to comply with the other Requisites of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay for such Offence the Sum of One Hundred Pounds current Money, to be recovered by the Public Treasurer in any Court of Record in these Islands, by Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no *Essoin*, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that as often as it shall happen that either of the said Collectors shall be rendered incapable of holding his Office by death or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for the Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to fill up such Vacancy, and every Person by him so nominated and appointed shall be subject to the like Restrictions and Penalties as those imposed on the Collectors herein nominated and appointed.

AND be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that for all Vessels Clearing from the Secretary's Office during the continuance of this Act, that is to say, from the first Day of *July* next to the first Day of *July* in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, there be paid to the Public Treasurer at and after the rate of Sixpence current Money for every Ton owned by an Inhabitant of these Islands.—Always provided that no more than one Payment of such Tonnage be demanded or received for any Vessel in consequence of this Act.

And in order the better to ascertain the Tonnage of each Vessel, it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Oath before the Public Treasurer be by the Master, Owner, or some other Person, made the Words following, to wit,

"I *A. B.* do swear that the Vessel, called ———, whereof ——— is or was late Master or Commander, does not exceed ——— Inches length by the Keel, and ——— Feet ——— Inches the Beam, and ——— Feet ——— Inches in the Depth of Hold, according to the best of my Knowledge and Belief. So help me *God.*" ——— Which Oath the Treasurer aforesaid is hereby em-

powered and directed to administer gratis to every person obliged by this Act, and that such Length of Keel, Breadth of Beam, and Depth of Hold be multiplied into each other, and the Produce of the whole divided by ninety-four, and the Quotient arising thereon to be deemed the Tonnage; and that in case no Person will appear to the Dimensions of a Vessel as aforesaid, then the Public Treasurer shall go on Board, or empower some Person to go on board, and measure such Vessel in manner following, that is to say, from the inside of the Transom to the inside of the Stem Lining above the Deck, three-fourths of which shall be esteemed the Length of Keel, and that the utmost Breadth of the Plank on the main Deck, from inside to inside of the Plank, be the Breadth of Beam, the one-half of which shall be taken for the Depth of Hold; and in case of two Decks the one-half of the Depth between Decks shall be added to the Depth of Hold, and that the said Treasurer be allowed the Sum of Ten Shillings for each Measurement; and that no Vessel during the continuance of this Act be admitted to clear at the Secretary's Office of these Islands, until the same shall have been first paid to the Treasurer the Tonnage aforesaid, as directed by this Act; and that in case the Secretary at the time being shall clear any such Vessel before payment shall have been so made, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds of current Money.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the first Day of *July* next, until the first Day of *July* in the next One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, there be a Duty of Two Pounds Ten Shillings in every Hundred Pounds, on the Sale of Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, and other things sold at Auction within these Islands; those sold by Executors or belonging to Insolvent Estates only excepted; and that any Person who shall, during the continuance of this Act, enter into the Sale of any Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels,

Chattels, or Effects, subject to the above Duty, shall, previous thereto, give unto the Public Treasurer good and sufficient Security that the same shall be particularly reported to him the said Treasurer, within thirty Days after Sale, and that the Duty imposed by this Act shall be thereupon regularly paid to the said Treasurer out of the Proceeds of such Sale, One and One Quarter per Cent. being first deducted as a Compensation to the Auctioneer for collecting and paying the same, and that any Person presuming to enter on the Sale of Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects at Auction, subject to the Duty hereby imposed, without having previously given the Security above mentioned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the full Value of the Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels or Effects so sold, to be ascertained in any manner satisfactory to the Court where such Offence shall be cognizable.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that there be by every free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee resident in these Islands on or before the first Day of *September* next, paid the Sum of Three Shillings and Four-pence current Money; and that the same in case of neglect or refusal, be levied, by distress and sale of the Goods and Chattels of such free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee, by the said Collectors, and by them paid to the Public Treasurer on or before the Time herein before for that purpose mentioned and prescribed. Always provided, that in case of failure of distress any defaulting free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee be sold at Auction by the Collector of the Parish in which he or she shall reside, for such length of time as will be sufficient to defray the above Tax with incidental Charges.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that on or before the first Day of *January* next there be paid into the Public Treasury by the several Parishes in these Islands, to wit, *St. George's, Hamilton, Smith's, Devonshire, Pembroke, Paget's, Warwick, Southampton, and Sandy's*, respectively, the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds current Money each; and that for this purpose the Vestry or Assessors of each of the said Parishes for the time being be, and they are hereby declared to be severally and respectively required, authorized and empowered, having previously taken Oath before some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in these Islands, to proceed with justice and impartiality, to raise on or before the said first Day of *January* next, by Assessment on the Lands, Houses, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other real Estate, in

aid Parishes lying and being, the real Estate of any Widow not exceeding One Hundred Pounds currency in value only excepted, in such manner and form as to such Vestry and Assessors, or a major part of them, may seem meet and agreeable to Equity and good Conscience, the said Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds; and to cause the same to be paid without any deduction whatever into the Public Treasury aforesaid.—And that in case of default, either wholly or in part, it shall and may be lawful for the Public Treasurer, having given ten Days previous Notice in the BERMUDA GAZETTE, to seize any Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other real Estate, that may belong to any Person or Persons resident in such Parish to the value of the Sum in arrear and unpaid, with the usual customary and legal Poundage and other incidental Charges, and to make Sale thereof, due and regular Notice of the Time and Place of Sale being previously given in the BERMUDA GAZETTE.—Always provided, that it be in the Power of the Person whose Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate shall be so levied on, by application to the Chief Justice of these Islands to obtain, and such Chief Justice is hereby empowered to issue an Execution, authorizing the Provost Marshall General in like Manner to levy the Sum paid, with incidental Charges as above-mentioned, on any other Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate belonging to the Residents in such Parish that shall be pointed out by the Plaintiff, and so in succession, when and as often as occasion may require.—And also always provided, that no Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate be twice levied on in the possession of the same Person; and that no Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate be levied upon which may belong to any Person who shall be able clearly to make it appear to the Officer about to make the Levy or Sale, that he or she has either paid his or her Proportion of the said Sum, or tendered and offered at any Time previous to the said first Day of *January* next, to pay to such Vestry and Assessors, or any one or more of them, his or her proportion of the same.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in every Levy to be made by Virtue of this Act, the Overplus, after payment of the Sum levied for, with incidental Charges, be restored to the Person whose Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate, or either of them, shall have been so levied on.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Penalties arising by virtue of this Act, whether by Fine, Forfeiture,

or otherwise, not herein before particularly appropriated, be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for and towards supplying the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands."

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 6th Day of May 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council

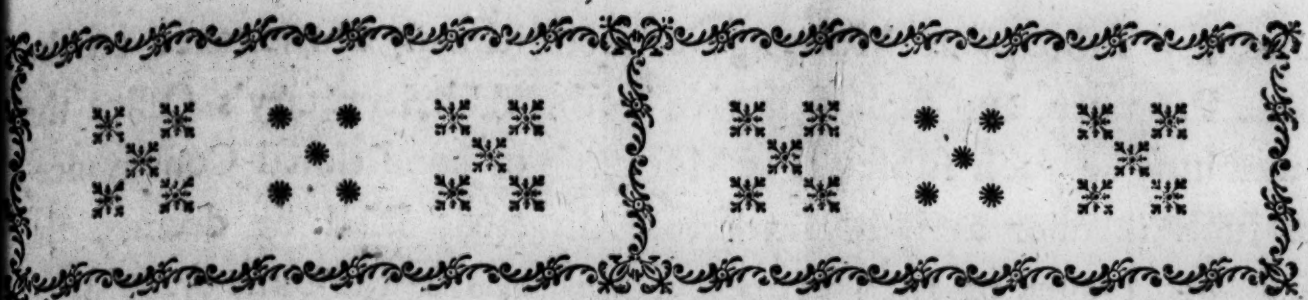
this 10th Day of May, 1786.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of May, 1786.

WILLIAM BROWNE


1786



B E R M U D A.

A N A C T

To prevent FRAUDS and ABUSES in
MORTGAGES or other Conditional Con-
veyances of PROPERTY.

 HEREAS the Act heretofore passed for the prevention of Frauds and Abuses in Mortgages or other conditional Conveyances of Property, was, during its continuance, found to be productive of great Advantages to the Community, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that all Persons holding Mortgages or other conditional Conveyances of Property, which, from and after the first Day of October next, shall be made and executed by any Person or Persons in these Islands, shall give into the Secretary's Office of these Islands the Names of the Mortgager and Mortgagee, the Date of such Mortgage or conditional Conveyance, the particular Property mortgaged or conditionally conveyed, and the Sum secured thereby; and in case any Person holding any such Mortgage or other conditional Conveyance, shall omit or neglect to comply with the Directions aforementioned, that then any Person who shall accept or
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take any subsequent Mortgage or conditional Conveyance on the same Property, and shall first give to the said Secretary's Office the Substance of such subsequent Mortgage or conditional Conveyance, in such manner as is herein before directed, shall be deemed the first Mortgagee of such Property, and recover the Sum or Sums of Money secured by such subsequent Mortgage, in any Court of Record in these Islands, in the same manner as though such Property had been first conditionally conveyed to him; and that all other Mortgages or other conditional Conveyances of Property shall take place, and their validity be ascertained and determined in such regular succession as they shall be registered in the said Secretary's Office in the manner before directed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Secretary for the Time being of these Islands, or his Deputy, shall, when required, register in a Book, by him for that purpose to be kept, the Substance and Contents of any Mortgage or other conditional Conveyance of Property in the manner herein before directed, together with the Time when such Report shall be to him made, for which Service he shall receive the Sum of Two Shillings current Money from the Person making such Report; and in case the Secretary for the Time being shall neglect, omit or refuse to register the Substance or Contents of any Mortgage or other Conveyance of Property as herein before directed, when called on and tendered his legal Fee for such Service, he shall forfeit and pay to such Person as shall be agrieved by such his neglect, omission or refusal, all such Damages as such Person shall prove that he has sustained thereby, to be recovered in any Court of Record in these Islands, by Bill, Complaint, Information or otherwise, wherein no Escoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 3d Day of May 1786, and ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

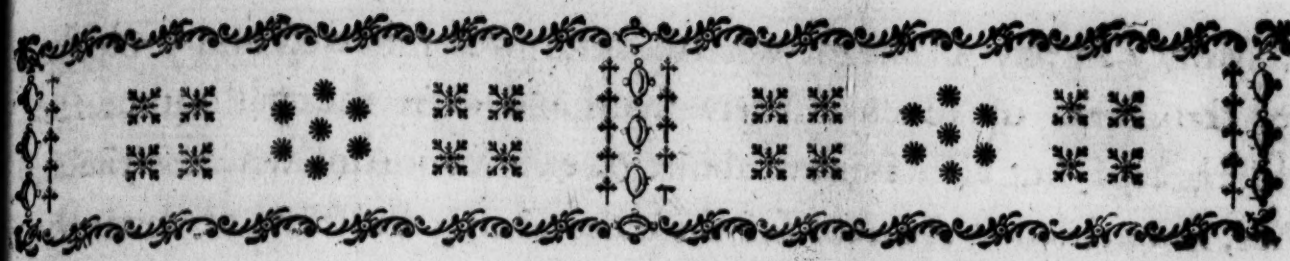
COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 4th Day of May 1786.

THOMAS HUNT, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of May 1786.

W M. BROWNE,



B E R M U D A.

A N A C T

For renewing and prolonging an Act, entitled
“ An Act for the ascertaining the Rate of
“ Interest of Money in these Islands, and
“ for restraining the taking of excessive
“ Usury in the Loan of Money on any
“ Contract whatsoever.”

HEREAS the above-mentioned Act was passed
the twenty-sixth Day of *April*, in the Year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty,
and was to be and continue in force until the 1st
Day of *January*, in the Year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, and
did then expire, and accordingly did then ex-
pire. And whereas the said Act, by a certain other Act,
passed the 11th Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, and entitled “ An Act
for renewing and prolonging an Act, entitled ‘ An Act for the
ascertaining the Rate of Interest of Money in these Islands, and
for restraining the taking of excessive Usury in the Loan of
“ Money

" Money in any Contract whatsoever," was renewed and prolonged for the Term of Twenty Years from and after the passing thereof, which said Act also is now about to expire. And whereas the said Act, so entitled " An Act for the ascertaining the Rate of Interest of Money in these Islands, and for restraining the taking of excessive Usury in the Loan of Money on any Contract whatsoever," has been found of great Utility and Advantage to the good People of these Islands, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the said Act, so entitled " An Act for ascertaining the Rate of Interest of Money in these Islands, and for restraining the taking of excessive Usury in the Loan of Money on any Contract whatsoever," be, and the same is hereby declared to be further renewed and prolonged for the Term of Twenty Years from and after the passing hereof, and then to determine and expire.

VOTED and passed the Council, and Ordered to be laid before the Assembly for their Concurrence, the 10th Day of *May* 1786.

JOHN HARVY, President.

CONCURRED to by the Assembly this 11th Day of *May* 1786.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of *May* 1786.

WM. BROWNE.



BERMUDA.

AN ACT

Laying an Imposition on the raising the Flats
Bridge.

¶ HEREAS the raising of the Bridge at the Flats is not only injurious to the same, but also is injurious to many Persons, by preventing their Passage over the same Bridge during the Time it shall be so raised; and as the raising of the said Bridge is of Advantage only to a few Persons, it is therefore reasonable that they should pay to the Public a Gratuity for the same, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the eleventh Day of *October* next, raise the Wooden Bridge, commonly called the Flats Bridge, not having Licence for so doing from the Public Treasurer of these Islands for the Time being, each Person so raising the said Bridge, shall pay to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors the Sum of Fifty pounds current Money.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Person who shall, from and after the said eleventh Day of *October*
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next, be desirous of raising the said Flats Bridge, shall apply himself to the Public Treasurer of these Islands for the Time being, and shall give to the said Treasurer sufficient Security to repair any Damage that the said Bridge shall sustain by the raising of the same Bridge immediately after such Damage shall happen, in such manner as the said Treasurer shall approve of; and also within twenty Days after the Date of the Licence of the said Treasurer for raising the said Bridge, pay unto the said Treasurer, or his Successor, the Sum of Twelve Shillings current Money, and the further Sum of Five Shillings current Money per Hour for every Hour the said Bridge shall remain up after the first six Hours from the raising the same; and the Public Treasurer for the Time being, on any Person's giving such Security as aforesaid, shall give to such Person a Licence, under his Hand and Seal, for the raising the said Bridge.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Monies arising by virtue of this Act, be recoverable by the Public Treasurer of these Islands for the Time being, and be to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for and towards supplying the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, entitled " An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these his Majesty's Islands."

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 4th Day of May 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 4th Day of May 1786.

THOMS HUNT, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of May 1786.

W. M. BROWNE.

BERMUDA.

AN ACT

To repeal an Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder, and one other Act for Altering and Amending an Act, entitled "An Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder."

WHEREAS large Quantities of Gunpowder have been collected into the Public Magazine in consequence of an Imposition on the Tonnage of Vessels trading to and from these Islands, and have been, from a long continuance therein, proved to have been so injured as to render the same unfit for use, by which means the Intention of the Legislature to provide in Time of Peace against the Exigencies of War has been in a great Measure defeated; in order, therefore, to enable such Legislature to establish a more certain and effectual Application of the Levies proposed to be made on Vessels trading to and from these Islands, by an Act, entitled "An Act for establishing a Fund for Repairs of the Fortifications of these Islands, and more effectually providing such Powder and Ammunition as shall hereafter be found necessary to the Defence and Security of this his Majesty's Government," We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do

do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the Act, entitled "An Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder, and one other Act for Altering and Amending an Act, entitled "An Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder," be, and they are hereby declared to be repealed, that Part of the above-recited Act, entitled "An Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder," which repeals an Act, entitled "An Act for Vessels paying Powder Money, and one other Act, entitled "An Additional Clause to an Act, entitled "An Act for Vessels paying Powder Money, and one other Act, entitled "A Second Additional Clause to an Act, entitled "An Act for Vessels paying Powder Money, excepted." Provided always, that this Act be not in force until his Majesty's pleasure be had thereon, and made known in these Islands.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 4th Day of May 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 6th Day of May 1786.

THOMAS HUNT, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of May 1786.

WILLIAM BROWNE.



B E R M U D A.

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for establishing a **FUND** for the **REPAIRS** of the **FORTIFICATIONS** of these Islands, and more effectually providing such Powder and Ammunition as shall hereafter be found necessary to the Defence and Security of this his Majesty's Government.

WHEREAS it has been deemed expedient in Time of Peace to guard against the Hazards and Uncertainty of War, and as the Security of this his Majesty's Government in the latter Event will, in a great measure, depend on the State of Defence against Invasion it shall be thrown into; in order, therefore, to make an effectual and timely Provision therefor, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that from and after his Majesty's Assent to an Act, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act, for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder, and one other Act for altering and amending an Act, entitled "An Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder" shall have been had and made known

within these Islands, all Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of these Islands under the Burthen of Forty Tons, shall for each Time of clearing at the Secretary's Office, pay into the Hands of the Public Treasurer for the Time being, the Sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence, and that all Vessels above the Burthen of Forty, shall at each Time of Clearing as aforesaid, pay the Sum of Six Shillings and Eightpence.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Persons not Inhabitants of these Islands, for every Vessel, or Part of a Vessel trading to these Islands, and to them belonging for each Time of entry, pay into the Hands of the Public Treasurer for the Time being for such Vessel, or Part of Vessel, at and after the Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence per Ton for the Tonnage of the said Vessel or Part of Vessels, which Tonnage shall be ascertained by the Oath of the Master, Owner, or some other Person in the Words following, to wit,

" I A. B. do swear that the Vessel called _____, whereof _____ is or was late Master or Commander, does not exceed _____ Feet _____ Inches length by the Keel, and _____ Feet _____ Inches by the Beam, and _____ Feet _____ Inches in the Depth of Hold, according to the best of my Knowledge and Belief. So help me God."

Which said Oath the Treasurer aforesaid is hereby empowered and directed to administer gratis to every Person obliged by this Act, and that such Length of Keel, Breadth of Beam, and Depth of Hold be multiplied into each other, and the Produce of the whole divided by ninety-four, and the Quotient arising therefrom be deemed the Tonnage; and that in case no Person will swear to the Dimensions of a Vessel as aforesaid, then the Public Treasurer shall go on Board, or empower some Person to go on Board and measure such Vessel in manner following, that is to say, from the inside of the Transom to the inside of the Stem Lining above the Deck, three fourths of which shall be esteemed the length of Keel, and that the utmost Breadth of the Plank on the Main Deck, from inside to inside of the Plank, be the Breadth of Beam, the one half of which shall be taken for the Depth of Hold; and in case of two Decks, the one half of the Depth between Decks shall be added to the Depth of Hold; and that the said Treasurer be allowed the Sum of Ten Shillings for each Measurement. And for the better securing the Payment of the Tonnage imposed by this Act, no Vessel shall be entitled to a Clearance from the Secretary's Office

these Islands until a Receipt from the Treasurer shall be produced for such Tonnage. And that in case the Secretary for the Time being shall clear any Vessel before Payment shall have been so made, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds current Money.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Monies arising by virtue of this Act, be to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for and towards the Repairs of the Fortifications, and providing Powder and other Ammunition for Public Uses, as shall be hereafter from Time to Time fixed and determined by the Legislature of these Islands. Always provided, that this Act shall not be in force until his Majesty's Assent shall have been first had and made known in these Islands, to an Act, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder, and one other Act for Altering and Amending an Act, entitled "An Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder."

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 4th Day of May 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 6th Day of May 1786.

THOMS HUNT, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of May 1786.

WM. BROWNE.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Monies
payable by virtue of this Act, be to his Majesty, his Heirs and Suc-
cessors for and towards the Repairs of the Fortifications, and pro-
viding Powder and other Ammunition for His Majesty's Ships, as shall
be directed from Time to Time fixed and determined by the Jus-
tices of the Peace, and always provided, that this Act shall
be in force until his Majesty's Assent shall have been given, and
until made known in those Islands to an Act, entitled "An Act
to repeal an Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder, and one
other Act for Aliasing and Amending an Act, entitled "An Act
for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder."

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until made known in those Islands to an Act, entitled "An Act
to repeal an Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder, and one
other Act for Aliasing and Amending an Act, entitled "An Act
for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder."

NOTED and passed accordingly this 10th Day of May
1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
Consent.

COTLAND STILES, Speaker.

ORDERED by the Council this 10th Day of May 1786.

THOMAS HUNT, President.

Witness to this 10th Day of May 1786.

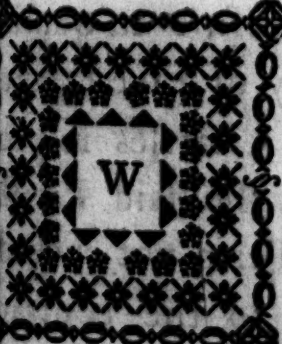
W. M. BROWNE.



BERMUDA.

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As well to enable the Vestry of the Parish of St. George the better to regulate the Police within the same, as for effecting certain other Purposes therein particularly specified.



HEREAS the Town of St. George has, for many Years past laboured under many and great Inconveniencies for want of a regular and legal System of Police within the same, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that from and after the 1st Day of *October* next, the Vestry of the Parish of St. George be empowered to make and pass such Rules, Regulations, Orders and Ordinances, with such Penalties therein to be inserted, and such Mode of recovering the same, as shall be found necessary for regulating the Affize of Bread, the Inspection of Weights and Measures, the cleaning the Public Paths and Streets, and the establishment of a Market within the said Town. Provided always,

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that such Rules, Regulations, Orders and Ordinances be not repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain or of these Islands.

AND whereas Doubts have arisen respecting the Number of Parishioners necessary to compose a Vestry for the said Parish, in order, therefore, to remove such Doubts in future, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the said first Day of *October* next, the Parishioners of the Town and Parish of St. George shall be, and they are hereby declared to be authorized annually to choose twelve fit and able Persons resident within the said Parish (of which the Minister for the Time being shall be one) as a Vestry for conducting the several Matters and Things incident to the said Parish, and that any seven of the said Number, whereof the Minister always to be one, except in case of sickness, or that after Notice of a Vestry summoned, he omit to come, be a Quorum to do Business. And whereas Persons chosen into the Office of Churchwardens and Constables for the said Parish, have, at Times, refused to be qualified, and to serve in their respective Offices, in order, therefore, to remedy such Inconvenience in future, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Person who from and after the said first Day of *October* next, shall be chosen into the Office of Churchwarden for the Parish of St. George aforesaid, and shall refuse to qualify and serve in such Office, shall be and is hereby declared to be subject and liable to the Penalty of Ten Pounds current Money; and that every Person who shall be chosen a Constable, and who shall in like manner refuse to qualify and serve as such, shall also be liable to the Penalty of Five Pounds like Money, to be levied upon their Goods and Chattles respectively, by Warrant to be issued by a Magistrate of the said Parish, and for want of Distress, to imprisonment for a Term not exceeding two Months, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

AND whereas many Inconveniencies have arisen within the said Parish from Constables who have departed these Islands before the expiration of their Office, be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the said first Day of *October* next every Constable belonging to the said Parish, who shall depart these Islands before his Time for serving is expired, shall, on his return thereto, be liable, on the first Vacancy, to be rechosen and to serve his full Time of Twelve Months, without any Allowance being made him for the Time he had formerly served in the said Office.

AND

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each Churchwarden for the Time being shall be liable and accountable to the Parish for the whole Assessment to him delivered to be collected and gathered up, such Part thereof only excepted as he shall be able to make appear to be irrecoverable from the Indigency or Insolvency of any Person rated therein, and that such Churchwardens be allowed for their Services at and after the Rate of Five per Cent. upon the Monies by them collected.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Fines and Forfeitures arising by virtue of this Act, shall be paid into the Hands of the Churchwardens, to be applied by the Vestry to the Use of the said Parish.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act be and continue in force until the first Day of *October*, which will be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and then to determine and expire.

NOTED and passed the Assembly this 3d Day of *May* 1786,
and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this
6th Day of *May* 1786.

THOMAS HUNT, President.

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of *May* 1786.

WILLIAM BROWNE.



An Act for issuing from the Treasury Certificates to certain Persons who have Demands on the Public, declaring such Certificates to be assignable and negotiable, and pointing out the Mode of sinking the same.

that he is elected by the Authority aforesaid, that such Church-
men for the Time being shall be liable and accountable to the
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I gathered up, that Part thereof only excepted as he shall be
any more appears to be irreconcilable from the Indignity of the
Church of England, and that such Churchmen
shall be for the Time being in and after the Year of Five hundred
and Sixty.


And the result is, that the whole of the property of the State is now in the hands of the State, and the State is now the owner of the whole of the property of the State.

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THOMAS HUNT, President.
 Secretary of May 1758.
 RECORDED by the Council this

WILLIAM BROWN



pointing out the Mode of sinking the same
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